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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT
REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT OF THE TWELFTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECURITY COUNCIL
Fiftieth year

Letter dated 26 July 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement of today's date by the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries on the testing of nuclear weapons.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, under items 64, 65, 70 and 71 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nugroho WISNUMURTI
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Annex

Statement dated 26 July 1995 by the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries on the testing of nuclear weapons

The Movement of Non-Aligned Countries condemns the recent tests conducted by a nuclear-weapon State as well as the decision by another State to suspend its moratorium and to resume testing soon. The movement remains unequivocally opposed to nuclear tests of any kind in all environments, particularly in the light of consistent efforts by the international community further to promote measures for nuclear disarmament and the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons in all their aspects as well as to preserve the global environment.

The Movement reiterates its call upon the nuclear-weapon States to take positive steps towards fulfilling their obligations as regards the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. In particular, the Movement has consistently urged the nuclear-weapon States, as a matter of highest priority, to conclude a universal, internationally and effectively verifiable, comprehensive test-ban treaty without any provisions for exceptions. Pending the conclusion of such a treaty, these States were called upon to suspend all testing. The decision of States parties adopted at the conclusion of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Non-Proliferation Treaty had also urged them to exercise the utmost restraint. The States members of the Movement parties to the Treaty demand that the nuclear-weapon States honour both the letter and the spirit of the Treaty as well as the Declaration of principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, which they negotiated and agreed upon.

The movement commends those States that have not conducted tests since 1992 and strongly urges all nuclear-weapon States to refrain from conducting any tests during the comprehensive test-ban treaty negotiations and until its entry into force, as it considers the conclusion of the treaty as an essential step towards achieving the goal of complete elimination of nuclear weapons.

The Movement calls upon the Conference on Disarmament to work towards the speedy conclusion of a comprehensive test-ban treaty no later than 1996. No tests should take place under any pretext or for any reason, including the so-called safety and reliability of nuclear weapons.